

# In The Mode The Transportation Quiz

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Howard, "The forces of transportation and communication created in and around Patee House between 1859 and 1867 actually won the West." Replicas of blacksmith shops, carousels, sleighs and the original gallows from the Buchanan County jail are only a small part of the museum.

## The National Military Heritage Museum

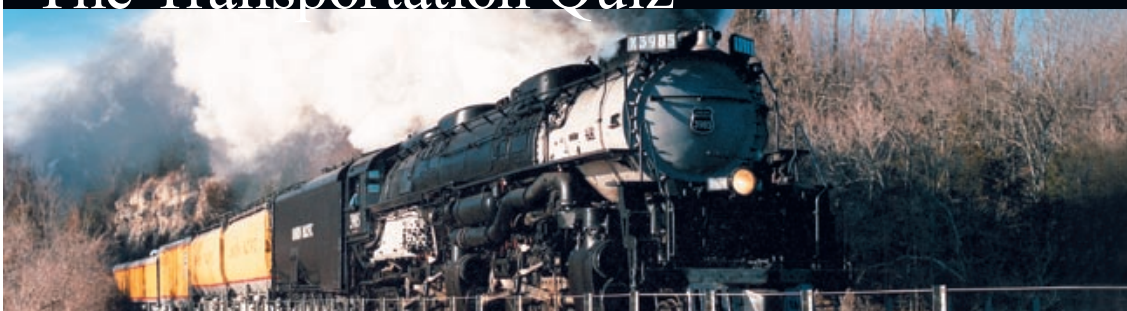
If the study of the history of war is your interest, then the National Military Heritage Museum is one place you shouldn't miss. Located in what was St. Joseph's first police station at 701 Messanie St., the building itself has a unique architectural history dating back to 1890. The museum's self-stated goal is to "preserve the heritage of the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces and on the home-front."

## The Stetson Hat Company

Abraham Lincoln was President of the United States when John B. Stetson made his first western fur-felt hat. The use of only the best-quality materials coupled with his 43 step process insured that Stetson would be the hat of choice for true cowboys. Before his death in 1979, the actor John Wayne would fly to St. Joseph on a regular basis to order his hats specially-made. Today, the Stetson Factory Outlet Store is open to the public every day but Sunday, where they offer a wide assortment of western felt and straw hats, dress hats and caps. Nowhere in the state will you find a more fascinating concentration of historical sites and architecture than northwest Missouri.

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**Until next time, may your destinations be exciting and the journeys to them eye-opening. ■**



Missouri ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation for length of railroad track miles. More than 500,000 passengers and 42 million tons of cargo move through the state every year.

- Approximately how many miles of railroad track does MoDOT inspect each year?
  - None
  - 200 miles
  - 6,000 miles
  - 12,000 miles
- How many railroad freight companies currently operate in Missouri?
  - 4
  - 19
  - 40
  - 198
- What are the names of the two Amtrak trains that run between St. Louis and Kansas City?
  - Ann Rutledge and St. Louis/Kansas City Mules
  - Gateway Express and Missouri Mule
  - Silverbullet and Coachmaster
  - Kansas City Scout and Gateway Guide
- What was the name of the first railroad to cross the state?
  - Frisco
  - Missouri Pacific
  - Hannibal & St. Joseph
  - Amtrak
- A fully loaded coal car weighs about:
  - 63,000 lbs.
  - 100,000 lbs.
  - 150,000 lbs.
  - 263,000 lbs.
- Missouri has about how many crossings intersecting with public roads?
  - 400
  - 700
  - 2,000
  - 3,900
- The first major train wreck in Missouri took place when the Gasconade River Bridge collapsed in:
  - 1842
  - 1855
  - 1902
  - 1914
- Missouri has the second and third largest rail hubs in the country.
  - True
  - False
- How many dollars of freight passes through Missouri on trains each year?
  - \$27 million
  - \$250 million
  - \$700 million
  - \$900 million

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(Kansas City is second, St. Louis is third). 10. c

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